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ORDINANCE NO. 14-2022

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AN ORDINANCE to take effect immediately provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council repealing Section 549.19 Pocket Knives, of the Lakewood Codified Ordinances.

WHEREAS, the State legislature has removed the prohibition of carrying knives that are not actively used as a weapon; and

WHEREAS, Section 549.19 Pocket Knives, of the Lakewood Codified Ordinances is in direct conflict with this change; and

WHEREAS, in order to be compliant with State law, it is necessary to repeal Section 549.19 Pocket Knives; and

WHEREAS, as set forth in Section 2.12 of the Third Amended Charter of the City of Lakewood, this Council by a vote of at least two thirds of its members determines that this ordinance is an emergency measure and that it shall take effect immediately and that it is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public property, health, and safety and to provide for the usual daily operation of municipal departments in that Lakewood cannot legally enforce Section 549.19, Pocket Knives; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, OHIO:

Section 1. That Section 549.19 Pocket Knives, of the Lakewood Codified Ordinances reading as follows:

549.19 POCKET KNIVES.

(a) No person, firm or corporation shall give or sell to a minor any pocket knife having a blade two and one-half inches or longer in length, or shall carry on or about his person any pocket knife having a blade two and one-half inches or longer in length. However, any person charged with unlawfully carrying on such knife shall be acquitted if it shall be proved at the trial that such person was at the time engaged in lawful employment or occupation which is justified possession of such instrument or that circumstances were such as to justify a prudent person to possess such instrument for defense of his person, family or property.

(b) No person shall give away or sell a pocket knife having a blade two and one-half inches or longer in length, without first requiring the donee or purchaser to identify himself and to register in a book kept by the donor or seller for the purpose, giving name, address and age. Any police officer shall be permitted to inspect any such book at any time.

(c) No retail dealer in pocket knives shall display, offer for sale or sell such knives without first posting a copy of the provisions of this section in a conspicuous place at the location where such knives are displayed for sale. (Ord. 2-53. Passed 1-5-53.)

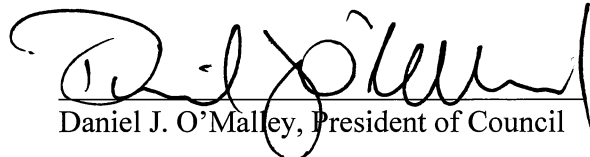
(d) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

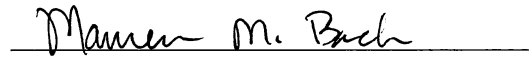
is hereby repealed.

Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all such deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements.

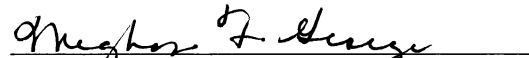
Section 3. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, property, health, safety and welfare in the City and for the usual daily operation of the City for the reasons set forth and defined in the preamble to this resolution, and provided it receives the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the members of Council, this ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately upon adoption by the Council and approval by the Mayor, or otherwise it shall take effect and be in force after the earliest period allowed by law.

Adopted 4/4/2022


Daniel J. O'Malley, President of Council


Maureen M. Bach, Clerk of Council

Approved 4/6/22


Meghan F. George, Mayor